
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Stratified Ironstone, Shale and Fireclay
Mines (Explosives) Regulations 1956

PART V

Shot firing—all mines

Firing of shots by fuse

29.—(1) No shot firer or person appointed to fire shots by fuse shall fire a single shot by fuse other than safety fuse not less than three feet in length or any shot in a round by fuse other than safety fuse not less than four feet in length.

(2) Not more than one shot firer or person appointed to fire shots by fuse shall charge shot holes or fire shots by means of fuse at any one time in any working place or at any working face which does not exceed one hundred and fifty feet in length, and not more than one shot firer shall permit shot holes to be charged at any one time in any working place or at such working face.

(3) At any working face exceeding one hundred and fifty feet in length no shot firer or person appointed to fire shots by fuse shall fire any shot by means of fuse within one hundred and fifty feet of another charged shot hole unless he has satisfied himself that no other shot firer or person appointed to fire shots by fuse is about to fire that other shot.

(4) Except where a round of shots is fired—

(a) by means of fuse lit by a length of plastic igniter cord of a type and description approved by the Minister; or

(b) by other means approved by the Minister of firing a round of shots by means of fuse;

no shot firer or person appointed to fire shots by fuse shall attempt to fire more than four shots at one time by means of fuse.

(5) Where any shot is to be fired by means of fuse the shot firer or person appointed to fire shots by fuse shall ensure that—

(a) no naked light or person smoking is directly above, or within four feet in any other direction of, any shot hole, explosive or detonator;

(b) all surplus explosives are removed from the vicinity of the shot hole before a light is brought near to it for the purpose of lighting the fuse.